

Many times I have cried over failures, feeling hopeless about succeeding. Life is tough, and many times even when other people try to encourage me, I don't feel encouraged. Some people even put me down, telling me that I will never succeed. However, whenever when I'm at the verge of giving up, a small voice at the back of my mind will ask me, "Why give up now? You can do so much more! Why believe in what others say, when you know that you can succeed?" I realise, that if I want to be successful in whatever I do, I have to believe in myself. If there are things that others can succeed in, who is to say that I can't?

At times when others refuse to support or encourage me in what I do, I choose to believe in myself and go ahead with whatever I want to do. Everyone have a bright fire burning inside them, and their belief in themselves fuel this fire so that they can make it through through difficult times. I loved to draw as a child, but I could never draw as well as the other children around me. My art teacher looked at my drawings and said, "That's good enough already." Her statement was something I have never forgotten. A child I was then, I sensed the meaning behind her words. 'You have no talent for drawing, so there's no need to try so hard!' But I chose not to give up on my passion for drawing. I knew back then, that if my quiz results improved because I studied hard for it, I believed I could draw better if I practiced more. And true enough, I improved a lot. Just two years from then, when I entered my second primary school, my new classmates looked at my drawings and said, "You are really good in drawing!" But all this came not from talent nor being a genius, it was because the belief in myself that I could do better, that I persevered, and proved, I can draw well.

Even now, I get discouraged when I see the many great art pieces done by people of my age, if not younger. But still, I choose and want to believe that if I work harder to improve on my drawing, I can definitely get better. I believe that nothing stands in my way to success, because impossible is nothing, when I believe in myself.